

In the Specification:

At page 5, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 16 and carrying onto page 6 with the following.

The invention includes a microendoscope 24 which includes a housing 26 preferably has three channels formed therein which are separated by inner partitions 25 and 27 and communicate with an open surface end 32. Each channel defines a straight and unrestricted path to the open surface end 32. An optic fiber 28 operably extends through one channel of housing 26 and out the end 32 and through a flexible tubing 29 which is connected to the housing 26. The optic fiber 28 is substantially the length of the needle 12 to enable insertion therein such that the end 14 of the needle 12 and end 30 of the optic fiber 28 are generally co-terminus. Preferably, the optic fiber 28 can include a bundle of fibers. In this way, when the optic fiber 28 is operably inserted into the needle 12 it can enable an image of the ovary to be obtained therethrough.

At page 7, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 16 and carrying onto page 8 with the following.

The cervix is then put on a stretch and manipulated to the patient's right side thereby exposing the left vaginal fornix. The 18 gauge UTW 20 cm (needle 12) introducer is then inserted into the left fornix for approximately 1-2 cm. At this point, the stylet 16 is removed and the microendoscope 24 advanced. Because the microendoscope 24 is already connected to the camera 36, the light source 44 can be turned on and further passage of the microendoscope 24 into the abdominal cavity is under direct vision. As the microendoscope 24 advances, it is manipulated so that the ovary on the left side is visualized. Once the ovary is visualized, the ovarian surface brush 48 is advanced through the operative channel, placed against the ovary,

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rotated and removed. The sample is then transferred to appropriate media carriage tubes. Should the operator wish to repeat the brushings, a second (or even third) brush can be used in order to facilitate obtaining samples from different ovarian surface sites in a sterile manner.